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Deaths.—The following is the report on patients: Nine were dead on reaching the hospital, 62 died within twenty-four hours, 34 died within forty-eight hours, and 106 died more than forty-eight hours after their arrival at the hospital.

Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: March 2, steamship *Hevelius*, Belgian, for New York; March 4, steamship *Cape Colossa*, British, for New Orleans; March 9, steamship *Camois*, British, for New York.

Respectfully, W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *February 26, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of transactions at this station for the week ended February 23, 1901:

Four hundred and ninety-five baths were given during the week and 502 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

The sanitary returns for the week show 5 cases of plague and 5 deaths, 1 case of smallpox resulting in death, 1 case of diphtheria, and 11 cases of cholera, with 3 deaths. The cases of cholera occurred on the steamship *Cheung Chew*, and were imported from Singapore. The steamer was quarantined on arrival and the usual precautions taken.

Respectfully, JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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[Inclosure.]

Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, week ended February 23, 1901.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Rejected.
				Cabin.	Steerage.	
Feb. 18	Br. str. Diamante (*a*)	Manila, P. I.	70	7	5	0
Feb. 21	Br. str. Changsha (*a*) (*c*)	do	78	11	55	0
Feb. 22	Br. str. Sungkiang (*b*)	do	67	0	0	0
Do	Br. str. Perla (*a*)	do	72	10	5	0
Feb. 23	Br. str. Loong Sang (*a*)	do	70	1	11	0
Do	Jap. str. Kasuga Maru (*a*) (*c*)	do	112	24	11	0
Feb. 24	Br. str. Gaelic (*a*)	San Francisco, Cal.	124	18	9	0

a Asiatic crew and steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected.
b Asiatic crew bathed and effects disinfected.
c Supplemental.

Concerning the shipment of food stuffs from China to the United States.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *January 17, 1901.*

SIR: In reply to Bureau letter (R. M. W., E. S. B.) dated December 4, 1900, calling attention to instructions permitting the shipment from this port of food products originating in uninfected localities and directing me to notify the steamship companies to that effect, I have the honor to report that I am aware of the instructions and am carrying out the wishes of the Bureau in the matter.

After a thorough investigation into the character and history of these articles I have thus far found it impossible to certify from personal knowledge that they originate in uninfected localities.

This is due to the widespread infection throughout the surrounding districts, to the unsettled conditions in China at present and to the fact that all these goods originate in or are prepared and packed for shipment in Canton.

For this reason the quarantine regulations have been enforced prohibiting the shipment of those articles liable to convey infection, a list of which was submitted to the Bureau in my letter dated October 23. The methods used to accomplish this have been discribed to the Bureau in my letters dated November 21 and December 10, respectively, and were adopted directly upon the receipt of the Bureau's instructions contained in cablegrams dated November 16 and December 8.

Respectfully, JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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COSTA RICA.

A case of yellow fever in Limon.

[Cablegram.]

LIMON, *April 6, 1901.*

One yellow [fever case].

GOODMAN.

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CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *April 1, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the district under my command for the week ended March 30, 1901: Thirteen deaths have occurred, the following report showing the causes: Tuberculosis, 2; wounds, 2; cirrhosis of the liver, 1; pernicious fever, 1; peritonitis, 1; old age, 1; heart disease, 1; cancer of breast, 1; anæmia, cerebral, 1; cachexia, 1; enteritis, 1.

Of the total number of deaths, 1 occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week, 16.94. Fourteen vessels entered harbor during week, inspected and passed; 17 vessels received bills of health for other ports; 62 health certificates issued passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 50 pieces baggage leaving Cienfuegos, inspected and passed, and 36 pieces baggage from Havana, destination Santiago and Manzanillo, labeled to be disinfected at those ports.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 8 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases reported. Inspected 13 vessels and issued 3 bills of health.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death at that port during the week. No contagious diseases reported. Inspected 5 vessels during week.

Respectfully, T. D. BERRY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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